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Exhibit R-2, PB 2010 Office of Secretary Of Defense RDT&E Budget Item Justification								DATE: May 2009		
APPROPRIATION/BUDGET ACTIVITY					R-1 ITEM NOMENCLATURE					
0400 - Research, Development, Test & Evaluation, Defense-Wide/BA 1 - Basic Research					PE 0601114D8Z Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCOR)					
COST (\$ in Millions)	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Estimate	FY 2010 Estimate	FY 2011 Estimate	FY 2012 Estimate	FY 2013 Estimate	FY 2014 Estimate	FY 2015 Estimate	Cost To Complete	Total Cost
Total Program Element	19.894	14.752	0.000						Continuing	Continuing
P114: Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCOR)	19.894	14.752	0.000						Continuing	Continuing

**A. Mission Description and Budget Item Justification**

The Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR) is a legislated program that funds research activities in science and engineering fields at institutions of higher education in selected states. DEPSCoR was intended to expand research opportunities in states that traditionally received the least funding in federal support for university research.

Participation in this program is limited to states that meet eligibility criteria as set forth in the authorizing language. The program improves the capabilities of institutions of higher education to develop, plan, and execute science and engineering research that is competitive under a peer-review system. Educational institutions in eligible DEPSCoR states are invited to compete for research/infrastructure awards in areas identified by the department in Broad Agency Announcements published by the Services.

Section 239 of the FY 2008 Authorization Conference Report directs the Secretary of Defense to utilize a defense federally funded research and development center to carry out an assessment of the DEPSCoR program. The assessment is due no later than nine months after the date of the enactment of this Act (October 2008). The Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) conducted the DEPSCoR assessment. The report went to Congress December 24, 2008.

FY 2009 DEPSCoR Program - 23 States Eligible to compete. The FY 2009 program eliminated the EPSCoR State Committees Review Requirements. Solicitation posted by the Army Research Office on March 6, 2009. Proposals are due on May 4, 2009. The FY 2009 broad agency announcement will fund the \$12.000 congressional increase.

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B. Program Change Summary (\$ in Millions)					
		FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Previous President's Budget		16.931	2.833		
Current BES/President's Budget		19.894	14.752		
Total Adjustments		2.963	11.919		
Congressional Program Reductions					
Congressional Rescissions			-0.081		
Total Congressional Increases			12.000		
Total Reprogrammings		3.474			
SBIR/STTR Transfer		-0.474			
Undistributed Reduction		-0.037			
Congressional Increase Details (\$ in Millions)				FY 2008	FY 2009
Project: P114, Program Enhancement					12.000
Change Summary Explanation					
The FY 2009 DEPSCoR Program received a congressional increase in the amount of \$12.0 million.					

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<b>COST (\$ in Millions)</b>	<b>FY 2008 Actual</b>	<b>FY 2009 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2010 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2011 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2012 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2013 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2014 Estimate</b>	<b>FY 2015 Estimate</b>	<b>Cost To Complete</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
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**B. Accomplishments/Planned Program (\$ in Millions)**

	<b>FY 2008</b>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010</b>	<b>FY 2011</b>
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<p><i>FY 2008 Accomplishments:</i>  Awarded 24 grants to academic institutions in 18 states to perform research in science and engineering fields. Proposals were competitively selected by the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, the Army Research Office, and the Office of Naval Research Average award: \$0.655 thousand each (total over the three year grant period).</p> <p><i>FY 2009 Plans:</i>  The FY 2009 Broad Area Announcement (BAA) is in the review process with the Services. Solicitation posted by the Army Research Office on March 6, 2009. Proposals are due on May 4, 2009. The FY 2009 broad agency announcement will fund the \$12.000 congressional increase.</p> <p><i>FY 2010 Plans:</i>  The Department of Defense requested no funds for DEPSCoR in fiscal year 2010 and in future year budget requests.</p>				
<b>C. Other Program Funding Summary (\$ in Millions)</b> N/A				
<b>D. Acquisition Strategy</b> N/A				
<b>E. Performance Metrics</b> N/A				

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